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## National Highway for Wise County

Good Roads Club Organized at Wise That Means Development of the Progressive Kind.

The organization of a Good Roads Club at Wise to aid in the formation of a national highway from Ashland, Ky., to Norton and from Lexington to Norton, is one of the most progressive movements in Wise county since the Business Men's Club applied the steam roller to fixing the main street of Norton.

The citizens of Wise, some sixty days ago, invited Colonel James Maret, president of the Boone Highway, to a \$1-get-together dinner at Wise, to talk over the opportunity for a big national highway from Wise, down both the Big Sandy and Kentucky rivers, and now Colonel Maret has started a drive to promote these highways, and is backed by the Kentucky State Association, as well as the National Highway Association.

Wise has proved on several occasions that she can do things when she wants to, and the taking of the initiative for the whole of Wise county in an effort to get this important highway through our county is very commendable, and off comes our hat to Wise boosters.

Col. Maret has pointed out that this connection at Ashland will let us on the Midland trail, one of the most important highways in the United States, extending from Washington to San Francisco, and Wise county should join the town of Wise wholeheartedly in this effort, especially so, as Henry Good Roads Roberts has taken charge of this highway and locating it up the Clinch river, via St. Paul, Dante and Elkhorn City.

Already this highway is located on the Kentucky highway maps to Elkhorn City. Dr. Torrence, at Pound, in co-operation with Judge Moore, of Jenkins, are lending valuable co-operation in this movement.

The organization at Wise consists of forty-four of the most progressive citizens, and the committee is determined to get one hundred paid in members. Col. Maret has urged that the efforts be confined to public city and co-operation with the county press, and get every citizen of Wise county to see this big opportunity to get a thirty foot concrete national highway, owned and kept up by the government. Other sections are getting these national highways, why not Wise county and this whole coalfield do like wise?

This highway from Ashland to Norton will be the most important in the whole south, as it is the most direct route to the national capital.—Norton Progress.

Virginia Mines' Output is Over Half Normal.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 4.—Labor Commissioner John Hirschberg returned to the city to night from the mining section, where he went several days ago with Governor Davis. Mr. Hirschberg spoke enthusiastically over the result of the visit of the governor, who talked with the men and then determined there was no need of soldiers.

"Output of the mines is now about sixty per cent. of the maximum," said Mr. Hirschberg. "There are few idle men to be seen and all members are working on an average of six hours a day."

No use for your wife to shiver with cold these coalless days. A single coat can be had for as low as \$5.00 to \$1,000.

## Cash Prize is Offered

Boys and Girls Asked to Help Legislature With Physical Education Suggestions.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 6.—"Why should the Legislature make liberal provision for physical education and health development of the pupils in the public schools?"

For the best composition on this inviting theme Colonel J. E. West, of Suffolk, a member of the state Senate, has offered a cash prize of \$25, the competition being open to all high school pupils in Virginia. Compositions are limited to 1,000 words in length.

The faculties of the several high schools are requested to select the two best compositions written on this theme in their schools and send to the State Board of Health at Richmond not later than January 1. It is anticipated that the entrants in this contest will be numerous and the affirmative arguments made by the boys and girls of the state convincing on this timely topic.

Walters-Gaines.

A wedding of unusual interest throughout this section of the state took place on Wednesday, December third, when Mabel, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Gaines, of Norton, was united in marriage to Mr. Grover H. Walters, of the same place. The wedding was very quiet, and was performed at the bride's home by the Rev. M. P. Carico, of Big Stone Gap, who used the beautiful and impressive Episcopal ring service. The bride wore a reindeer colored suit with accessories to match, and carried an armful of yellow roses. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Walters left on the N. and W. for a two weeks trip to New York and other eastern cities, after which they will be at home to their many friends at Norton where they will make their home.

Miss Lucy Maury Visits White House.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—President Wilson ate his Thanksgiving Day dinner propped up in bed. South Trimble, clerk of the House of Representatives, again supplied turkeys for the White House from his Kentucky farm, but the President's physician, Rear Admiral Grayson, would not permit him to eat any of this food. The President had quail instead.

Before dinner Mr. Wilson was wheeled out to the south lawn at the White House, where he spent an hour with Mrs. Wilson and his daughter, Miss Margaret Wilson. The only guest at the White House was little Miss Lucy Maury, formerly of Roanoke, but now living at Big Stone Gap, a niece of Mrs. Wilson.

Congressman Slemph in Roanoke.

Representative C. B. Slemph, Virginia's congressman from the Ninth district, will arrive here Saturday morning and remain in the city all day, according to a statement given out here by local Republicans. Mr. Slemph will make Hotel Roanoke his headquarters. A number of his friends in Roanoke will meet him. Representative Slemph is national Republican committeeman from this state, having resigned as state chairman to succeed Alvah Martin, of Norfolk, who died about a year ago.—Roanoke Times.

Between the negro who shoots craps and the public official who shoots bunk, the only difference we can discern is the slight one of color.

## Inspection Statistics

Show Large Per Centage of Virginia's Public Schools Need Some Form of Health Attention.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 6.—Many of the school children of Virginia are suffering from defects of one form or another, practically all of which a great number may be cured by prompt and simple medical, optical or dental attention.

While returns are necessarily incomplete from the physical inspection day conducted by the public school teachers on Monday, November 3, the facts garnered from the reports thus far received are arousing widespread interest and attention in school and health circles. According to a summary prepared by Dr. Mary E. Brydon, director of the State Department of Health's Bureau of Child Welfare and School Hygiene, teachers in 227 schools in 34 Virginia counties, inspected 14,805 children.

Only Accomac and Chesterfield counties have thus far made complete reports, in nine of the remaining counties only one school in each county having reported. Buckingham shows 15 schools inspected; Rockingham, 14; Henrico, 14; and others a few schools each.

Of the 14,805 children inspected 3,258, or 22 per cent., showed defective vision; 992, or 6.7 per cent., showed defective hearing; the teeth of 6,623, or 44.7 per cent., showed need of the attention of the dentist, while 1,141, or 7 per cent., are reported as showing the effects of poor nutrition. It is not believed that those averages will be materially lowered with full returns from the public schools of the state.

Health workers earnestly urge upon the parents and guardians of the children suffering from defects that adequate attention be given them promptly. Such defects will be reported to them on cards furnished the teachers for this purpose.

In a number of counties it has been found that the local authorities have failed to provide the proper printed matter to enable the teachers to participate in this great public service. It is urged by health and school in Virginia participate in this inspection, even though the work may not have been done on the fixed date.

Dr. Livesay Returns to Bristol.

The Rev. C. B. Livesay has just returned from Big Stone Gap, where he has been engaged for two and a half weeks in a revival meeting with the church he served before his present charge at Bristol. Of the meeting he says:

"There was a fine spirit of co-operation; the attendance and interest the best in the history of the church. During the stormy nights often the house was filled to overflowing. There were 29 additions to the church."

Mr. Livesay will fill his pulpit in the First Christian church here Sunday morning and night.—Bristol Herald Courier.

Some men go up, and some go down. But others, you know, just laze around. We have 'em.

Our nation wide campaign against the profiteers has passed beyond the kindergarten stage. It is now reposing peacefully on a slab in the dark room of the undertaker.

## Enjoyable Masquerade Party.

Mrs. W. W. Taylor and daughter-in-law, Mrs. James R. Taylor, entertained very enjoyably Saturday evening from eight until twelve o'clock, a large number of the younger social set in honor of Miss Louise Cox's eighteenth birthday, in Mrs. James R. Taylor's new bungalow.

The guests were all dressed and masqued very cleverly on arrival, which caused a lot of merriment in the beginning of the evening, after which dancing the Virginia reel was the mode of entertainment along with other games and contests. In the guessing of "movie stars" contest, Miss Mary Alice Clay won first prize for girls, a box of stationery, and Henry Wampler won first prize for the boys, a tie. Miss May Slemph won the girls' booby, a kewpie, and Carl Knight, the boys' booby, a toy banjo.

During the latter part of the evening Mesdames W. W. and James R. Taylor assisted by Mrs. I. C. Taylor and Miss Janet Bailey served generous plates of pineapple sherbet and cake to the guests.

Miss Louise was the recipient of many handsome and useful presents from her friends present, who were: Misses Gladys Christy, dressed as Night; Ruth Barron, as a Dutch girl; Juanita Taylor, as a Colonial maid; Ruby Jenkins, as a fairy; Nora Youell, as a Spanish girl; Georgia Cox, as "Little Bo Peep"; Irene Draper, as a Japanese lady; Henrietta Skeen, as a colonial maid; Clara Dowell, as a Red Cross nurse; Helen Carico, as a deck of cards; May Slemph, as an old fashioned girl; Lucille Draper, as an Indian girl; Bonnie Catron, dressed in black; Mary Alice Clay, in a crepe paper costume; Louise Cox, as a clown; Lucille Taylor, and Miss Janet Bailey.

Messrs. Letcher Bunn, as Uncle Sam; Carl Knight, as a sailor; Clayton Cawood, as a soldier; Henry Wampler, as a cow boy; Otho Hise, as a young lady; Patrick Youell, as a tramp; J. B. Skeen, Jr., Gale Barron, K. Lane, Edward Bird and Mr. Fred Troy. Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Taylor.

Teachers Had Successful Meeting Here Saturday.

A joint meeting for the teachers for the Richmond and Big Stone Gap districts was held at the High School building here Saturday. Those taking part in the discussion were: Prof. Geo. A. Jordan, rural supervisor for the Richmond district, whose subject was The Qualities of a Good Teacher; Miss Kate Lay, of the Big Stone Gap High School, who discussed Americanism and How We Should Teach It; Miss Christie Jones, of the East Stone Gap High School and Prof. E. K. Spahr, of Big Stone Gap, made interesting talks on High School Athletics; and reports on the Educational Conference at Richmond were made by J. H. Tate and H. L. Sulfridge. A very interesting and instructive demonstration lesson in reading was conducted by Miss Emma Duncan, of the grammar grade department, Big Stone Gap. The meeting was well attended, there being about 50 teachers present. Superintendent J. J. Kelly, Jr., was present, also, and took part in some of the discussions. Prof. P. T. Fugate, of East Stone Gap, presided. The two districts plan to hold another joint meeting at this place about the first of February.

Christmas will be here on the 25th of December. And here's hoping you are also here to greet it.

But why speak further of Mexico? We know it all by heart.

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